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1. The East German Office for Standards (Amt fuer Standardisierung) is to begin operations in the near future, as soon as the Office's structure plan has been approved by the government. The Office is located in the building occupied by the Zentral-Amt fuer Forschung und Technik (ZAFT) on Koepenicker-strasse 80-82, Berlin O 17. The Office will take over the functions and most of the personnel of the former ZAFT Department for Norms and Quality Standards (Normung und Guetesicherung), which was separated from ZAFT in April 1953 during the administrative reorganization of ZAFT. Eberhard Arlt has been appointed head of the Office. Arlt, a thoroughly convinced Communist who was formerly with the Central Committee of the SED, will be assisted by Walter Sobzak, formerly Secretary of the SED group at ZAFT; Sobzak will be Secretary of the SED group in the new Office.

2. The following is the structure plan of the Office for Standards, as turned in to the government for approval:

    a. Head of the Office - Eberhard Arlt, with the Secretariat directly under him.

    b. Arlt and the Secretariat will supervise the following four departments:

        1) Cooperation (Zusammenarbeit). This Department is to maintain liaison ████ and its satellites as well as with the ████ and the International Standards ████ to head the Department.

        2) Press and Propaganda

        3) Plan Coordination and Perspective Planning

        4) Cadre Department

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